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**Applicant(s):** TAKEDA, et al.

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**Examiner:** TBA

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**For:** DUST AND DIRT DETECTION IN IMAGE READING APPARATUS  
HAVING ORIGINAL FLOW SCANNING FUNCTION

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, entry of the following Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants concurrently file herewith an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying PTO-1449.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 18 of this paper.